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EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Health	University of Texas School of Public Health: Houston	2006
Masters of Science	Texas Woman's University: Houston	1992
Bachelor of Science: Nursing	University of Texas Medical Branch: Galveston	1987

Other Education

George Washington University	Health Policy & Media Relations Graduate Certificate	2020-2021
UTHealth-Houston	Health Educators Fellowship Program	2018-2019
Dale Carnegie	Communication and Human Relations	1987
The University of Texas: Austin	Nursing Prerequisites	1983-1985

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Texas Registered Nurse	Active	1987- present
Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)	National League of Nursing	2015-2025
Basic Life Support	American Heart Association	1987-present
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	American Heart Association	1994-2007
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	American Heart Association	1991-2001
Basic Life Support Instructor	American Heart Association	1999-2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital	Staff Nurse, Surgical Services/Preceptor	1987-1990
Memorial SW Healthcare Systems	Central Education/Med-Surg Manager/Pediatric Manager/ House Supervisor	1990-1993
Pasadena General Hospital	Chief Nursing Officer	1993-1995
Avanti Health Systems Inc	Director of Clinical Operations	1995-1996
Sharpstown General Hospital	House Supervisor	1996-1997
Texas Orthopedic Hospital	House Supervisor/Case Manager/JCAHO Liaison	1997-2005

San Jacinto College of Nursing

Adjunct Clinical Faculty

2001-2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE continued

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing	Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, Joan and Stanford Alexander Fellowship Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	2008-present
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, Dean's Teaching Fellowship	UTHealth School of Public Health	2003
Governor-appointed Board Member	Texas Board of Nursing	2015-2027
Elected, UT System New Direct Leader Forum	UTHealth: Houston	2017
Elected Participant	National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities	2017
Nominee, President's Scholar Award-Clinical Service and Regents Outstanding Teaching Award	UTHealth: Houston	2017, 2020
Honoree, Hurricane Heroes	Texas Nurses Association, District 9 Foundation	2017
Nominee, AAIDD Education Award	American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	2018
Candidate, Josiah Macy Foundation Scholar	Josiah Macy Foundation	2018
Recipient, UTHealth: Health Education Fellowship	UTHealth: Houston	2018-2019
Elected Board Member	The Center for Pursuit	2019
Nominated Board Member	University of Texas Medical Branch Alumni	2019
Elected Board Member	University of Texas Medical Branch Development	2019
Hall of Fame Recipient	University of Texas Medical Branch	2020
Scholarship Recipient	National Council of State Board's of Nursing George Washington University: Health Policy	2020

GRANTS*Research*

Socio-Demographic Disparities in Epilepsy Care. Center for Disease Control. **Edwards, Allison P.** (Principal Investigator) and Begley, Charles. \$1,000,000.00. 2006-2011.

GRANTS continued*Training*

Neurodevelopmental Program for Integrating Disability Education in Undergraduate Curriculum. Joan and Stanford Alexander Foundation. **Edwards, Allison** and Rabel, Patti. (Principal Investigator/Program Coordinator) \$500,000 Endowment. 2016- life of endowment

American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Unfolding Case Study, "John's Journey." Hekel, Barbara (Principal Investigator), Alexander, Juane; DesOrmeaux, Christina; Edwards, Allison; Pullis, Bridgette. \$5,000 Grant. 2020.

Projects

Integration of weather-related education in an intermediate school setting using WeatherBug. **Edwards, Allison**. \$5,000. 2009-2019.

UTHealthy Wellness Program. Awarded by UT System. Parnell, Susan and Edwards, Allison. (Co-Author). \$5,000. 2017-2018.

PUBLICATIONS*Peer Reviewed Publications*

Thomas, L. W., & Edwards, A. P. (2018). A Guidance Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of Brain Injury Rehabilitation PRN Bowel Medications. Abstract: Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 99 (10), e82.

Edwards, Allison P. & Thomas, Lisa. (2021). Trifecta for RN-BSN Curricula: Algorithms, Interdisciplinary Practice, and Authentic Application within a Quality Improvement Project. Nurse Educator, 46 (2).

Edwards, Allison (2021). Elevating Equity and Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities: A Nursing Student Sexual Health Promotion Project. Creative Nursing, 27 (3).

Edwards, Allison P., Hekel, Barbara and Cron, Stanley (2021). Disability Attitudes of Student Nurses: A Pilot Curriculum Intervention. Nursing Education Perspectives, 16.

Edwards, Allison (2021). Co-Curricular Clinical Opportunity: Addressing Students Attitudes, Knowledge and Skills with Disability Education. Journal of Nursing Education, 60 (11).

Norman, Leslie, Wells, Brandy and Edwards, Allison. (2021) From Policy to Practice: A DNP Practicum Experience. Nursing Forum, 56 (3).

Edwards, Allison & Hekel, Barbara. (2022) Appraisal of Disability Attitudes and Curriculum of Nursing Students: A Literature Review. International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship, 19 (1).

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Edwards, Allison P. (1990). The ABC's of AICD. CV Nurse

Edwards, Allison P. (1993). Catch 22: Strategies for Dealing with Manipulative Family Members, Nursing Management

PUBLICATIONS continued*Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications (continued)*

Edwards, A. (1996). Reporting and Detecting Child Abuse, Nurseweek. CEU Offering.

Book Chapters

Edwards, A. and Jordan-Troutman, M. (2018). Populations Affected by Disabilities. In M.A. Nies & M. McEwen (eds.), Community/public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations (7th ed., pp. 1- 17). St. Louis: Elsevier.

Edwards, A. and Jordan-Troutman, M. (2022). Populations Affected by Disabilities. In M.A. Nies & M. McEwen (eds.), Community/public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations (8th ed., pp.). St. Louis: Elsevier

PRESENTATIONS*International*

Invited Speaker: Texas Heart Institute's International Symposium. "ABC's of AICD." Houston, TX, April 1990.

Speaker: Sigma Theta Tau's 30th International Research Congress. "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." Alberta, Calgary, Canada. July 2019.

National

Invited Speaker: Luncheon CEU Offering for the Developmental Disability Nursing Association's 25th Annual Conference. "Integrating Disability Education in Undergraduate Curriculum: The UTHealth: School of Nursing Experience." Dallas, TX, April 2017.

Thomas, L., Edwards, A. & Nwagboso, A. "A Guidance Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of Brain Injury Rehabilitation PRN Bowel Medications." American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine; Dallas, TX, September 2018.

Invited Speaker: PATH PWIDD National Consortium monthly meeting. "Imperative Undergraduate Interprofessional Education for People with Disabilities." Virtual via Zoom, January 26, 2022.

Poster Presentations

Edwards, A. "Birds, Bees and STD's: Sexual Activity and Health for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." 24th Annual Developmental Disability Nursing Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2016.

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "An Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of PRN Bowel Medications in Rehabilitation Settings." Houston Medication Safety Symposium: High Risk Medications and Prescription Abuse, Houston, TX, April 28, 2017.

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "Bowel Management in Brain Injury: A Guidance Algorithm." Association of Rehabilitation Nurses: 2017 REACH Conference, Seattle, WA, November 8-11, 2017.

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "Bowel Management In Brain Injury: A Guidance Algorithm." National Association of Indian Nurses of America: Clinical Excellence Conference, Houston, TX, December 2, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS continued

Poster Presentations continued

Thomas, L., Edwards, A., Velasquez, J, & Nwagboso, A. "A Guidance Algorithm for Neurogenic Bowel." Memorial Hermann Robust Process Improvement Expo, Houston, TX, February 2018.

Edwards, A. and Thomas, L. (2019) "Transforming Nursing Student Attitudes toward People with Disabilities." Breaking the Mold-Transformation as a Call for Scholarly Action: Advances in Teaching and Learning, Houston, TX, June 2019.

Hekel, Barbara and Edwards, Allison (2020). "A Curricular Intervention to Impact Nursing Student Attitudes about People with Disabilities." Association of Community Health Nursing Educators. Virtual Conference, June 2020

Hekel, B., Pullis B. R., Edwards, A. P., DesOrmeaux, C., & Alexander, J. (2021, June 11). An Unfolding Case Study to Teach Public Health Concepts [Poster presentation]. UTHealth Advances in Teaching and Learning Day. Virtual due to COVID-19. Houston, TX, United States.

Regional Presentation/Video

Interactive Video Presenter: "Vital Signs." Series presenting hospital-wide quality improvement and nursing practice issues. Memorial Care Systems, Houston, TX, March-December 1992.

Educational Video for Staff "Code Team Protocol." Houston, Texas.
Produced for Tenet Health Care Systems at Pasadena General Hospital, Pasadena, TX, October 1993.

Association of Rehabilitation Nurses: Southeast Texas Chapter- CEU offering: "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." February 26, 2019, Houston, Texas.

Speaker: Summer Health Professions Education Program. Cizik School of Nursing. "Disability Care and Awareness." June 2019, June 23, 2020, June 8, 2021.

Speaker: Texas Woman's University 2019 Founders Day Forum-Embracing the Art and Science of Nursing. "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." Houston, Texas, October 8, 2019.

Speaker: UTHealth School of Dentistry/School of Nursing Virtual Workshop. "Transforming care for people with disabilities: improving quality and reducing barriers through clinical education." Houston, Texas, April 9, 2021.

Invited Speaker: University of Texas Medical Branch Nursing Faculty "Hot Topics". "Imperative undergraduate education-nursing care for people with disabilities." April 19, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Texas Nursing Association	Task Force Review Panel/Top 20 Nurse Candidates	2012
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Editorial Panel: Southern Nursing Research Society	Abstract/Research Reviewer	2015-2017
<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</u> continued		
<i>Texas Board of Nursing continued</i>		
Texas Board of Nursing	Board Member Vice President	2015-2021 2021-2023
Education Committee	Baccalaureate Education Representative	2015-present
Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee	Chair	2015-present
National NCIRS-National Committee Item Review	NCLEX Item Writer/Reviewer	2017-present
The Center for Pursuit	Board Member	2019-2022
PARTNERS	Spring Luncheon Chair	2020-2021
PATH-PWIDD Partner Partnering to Transform Health Outcomes with Persons w/IDD	Consortium Action Network IPE Practice, Policy and Regulation	2020-present
<u>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</u>		
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)		2017-present
Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education		2017-present
Developmental Disability Nurses Association		2016-present
Sigma Theta Tau- Zeta Pi Chapter		2014-present
Southern Nursing Research Society		2014-2016
American/Texas Nurses Association		2014-2016
American Public Health Association		2014-2016
Houston Organization of Nurse Executives		1994-1996
<u>INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE</u>		
The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing Alumni Board Member		1994-1997
St. Vincent De Paul School Board Member, 2006-2009 Vice President, 2009 Gala Fundraising Chair, 2009		2006-2010

Yearbook Editor, 2007

UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing

Interfaculty Council	2015-2019
<u>INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE</u> continued	
Baccalaureate Council	2010-present
Incarinate Word Academy Gala Fundraising Chair	2011
Admission, Progression and Graduation Subcommittee	2015-2016
Faculty Assembly Vice Chair, 2015-2016 Chair, 2016-2017	2015-2017
Strake Jesuit College Preparatory Women's Retreat Chair, 2017 Women's Overnight Retreat Chair, 2015	2017
Faculty Life Council	2017-2019
UTHealth Wellness Committee	2017-present
University of Texas Medical Branch Development Board Member	2019-2022
University of Texas Medical Branch Alumni Board Member	2019-2021
University Classified Staff Education Award Panel	2020
University of Texas Medical Branch Awards Committee	2021
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	
Covenant House Guild Secretary, 1993	1992-1994
Boulevard Oaks/Southampton Civic Club Executive Director	1998-1999
Junior League of Houston, Member (Sustainer) Writer, Contributor Houston News, 2001 Child Advocates Chair, 2000 Juvenile Probation, 1999	1998-present

Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary	2005-present
West University Little League Auxiliary Board Member	2006-2007

COMMUNITY SERVICE continued

National Charity League Tea and Style Show Chair, 2010 Speaker Chair, 2011	2008-2017
Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University Small Animal Clinic Steering Committee	2019-present

COURSES TAUGHT (at Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth)

*indicates lead faculty

Baccalaureate RN-BSN

N3601	Community Health: RN-BSN*
N3602	Community Project/Clinical*
N3701	Professional Practice of Nursing*
N3702	Issues in Professional Nursing*
N3703	Management and Leadership
N3704	Synthesis*
N4526	Role Transition

Baccalaureate Pre-licensure

N3511	Health Assessment
N3511W	
N4521	Community Health*
N4521B	Community Health: Pacesetter Clinical*
N4499	Independent Study: Fellowship-Care of People with Disabilities
N4499	Independent Study: Honors Students

Master's/Doctoral Program

N5594W Synthesis for RN-FNP

N6860A Doctoral Program-DNP Practicum

Major Teaching Areas

Community Health: Vulnerable Populations-Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Public Health/Health Promotion/Evolution of Healthy People 2020/Ethics/Policy